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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on April 30, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.